

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 789 without my signature.

This measure is identical to measures I have previously vetoed. SB 789 sets in place a “majority signup election” process for agricultural employees to select union representation. This process fundamentally alters an employee’s right to a secret ballot election that allows the employee to choose, in the privacy of the voting booth without coercion or manipulation, whether or not to be represented. While I support the right of agricultural employees to voluntarily seek and choose representation if they wish, and ensuring that existing labor laws are enforced is a top priority for my administration, I cannot support this alteration of the secret ballot process.

For these reasons, I am returning SB 789 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger